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And

Application of

Applicants

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Title

: A SPRING ELEMENT FOR USE IN AN APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING

TO A SEMICONDUCTOR AND METHOD OF ATTACHING

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AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2000.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1.(Amended) A spring element comprising a first elastic member and a conductive member, said first elastic member being comprised of a first elastomeric material having a first modulus of elasticity, said first elastic member having a portion of said first elastomeric material removed, forming a hole in said first elastic member, such that said spring element has an overall modulus of elasticity different from said first modulus of elasticity.

Please cancel claims 2, 7, and 8. Also, please cancel non-elected claims 29-71 and 73 without prejudice.

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